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E. L. Umberger House
Gas House Pike
Private

Circa 1860
Joseph G. Miller

The E. L. Umberger House, a two and a half story stone and brick residence, was built in the 1860's by Joseph G. Miller from land obtained from Henry Culler in 1864. The land was originally owned by Captain John Brengle, a hero of the War of 1812 from the Frederick area.

The house was built in two sections, one stone and one brick. The stone principal facade is four bays wide. The main entrance, a panelled wooden door set in a panelled recessed doorway with four light transom, is located in the second bay. Occupying the remaining bays are original 6/6 windows topped by flat arches. A three bay entrance porch spans the facade. The porch is supported by turned columns and decorated with decorative brackets and open cornice with spindle design trim.

The brick section of the structure is laid in common bond brick and is five bays wide. It features recessed panelled doorways in the second and fourth bays and 6/6 original windows. A two story open porch on the south side and a one story, five bay porch on the north side completes the brick addition. The entire structure rests on a stone rubble foundation. Four brick chimneys rise from the structure, two from the stone facade and two from the brick addition.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC E. L. Umberger House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Gas House Pike

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth M67/ P 6

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Frederick

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**☒ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO**PRESENT USE**☒ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Mr. Edward L. Umberger

Telephone #: 663-4061

STREET & NUMBER

Gas House Pike

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21701

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #: 406

Folio #: 560

STREET & NUMBER

North Court St.

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The E. L. Umberger House, a two and a half story brick and stone residence, faces east from the west side of Gas House Pike.

The house was built in two separate sections. The original section, the stone facade, is four bays wide. Occupying the second bay is the main entrance. It consists of a wooden panelled door set in a recessed panelled doorway. The door is topped by a four light transom. Occupying the remaining bays on the first and second floors are original 6/6 windows framed by original wooden panelled shutters on the first floor, and replacement wooden louvered shutters on the second. Brick flat arches crown the facade windows.

A three bay entrance porch spans the facade. The porch is supported by turned columns with decorative brackets. An open cornice with spindle trim lies below the standing seam tin roof which covers the porch. Decorative turned railing frames the space between the porch columns.

The stone facade rests on a stone rubble foundation. The entire structure is covered by an asphalt shingle roof, circa 1930. Below the roof is a plain boxed cornice with return. Two brick chimneys rise from this section; one from the north and one from the south gable end.

The rear addition to the stone facade is constructed of common bond brick.

The north side is five bays wide. Occupying the second and fourth bays on the first floor are the entrances to the rear section. The doors are wooden panelled doors set in recessed panelled doorways. They are topped by three light transoms. Occupying the remaining bays are original 6/6 windows framed by wooden louvered shutters. The windows are crowned by single wooden lintels.

A five bay porch spans the brick addition on the north side. It is supported by eight plain wooden columns. Plain wooden railing frames the space between the columns. The porch, like the rear brick addition as a whole, is covered by a standing seam tin roof. Two brick chimneys rise from the brick addition. The brick addition rests on a stone rubble foundation.

The south side of the structure features a two story open porch supported by plain wooden columns and framed by wood railing now partially missing. Occupying the second and fourth bays of this four bay section are wooden panelled doors set in recessed panelled doorways and topped by three light transoms.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES Circa 1860's

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Joseph G. Miller

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The E. L. Umberger House, a two and a half story stone and brick residence, faces east from the west side of Gas House Pike.

The land on which the house and farm are situated was part of the land deeded to Eve Margaret Schley by her father, Captain John Brengle, in 1834.¹ Captain John Brengle was a prominent member of the Frederick area. His home built in the early part of the nineteenth century, is situated at the beginning of the Gas House Pike. Captain Brengle distinguished himself as a war hero in the War of 1812.² The property passed through a number of owners until it was bought by Joseph G. Miller in 1864.³ Joseph Miller was the builder of the structure. It remained in his possession until 1873.⁴

The E. L. Umberger House is significant as an example of vernacular architecture with excellent architectural details such as the recessed panelled doorways. The continuity of the residence is assured by such factors as the doorways and window treatments, though the house was built in two separate and distinct sections.

¹Frederick County Record of Wills, Liber G.M.E. 2; Folio 86.

²T.J.C. Williams, History of Frederick County Maryland, (1910; rpt. Baltimore: Regional Publishing Company, 1967) Vol I, page 167.

³Frederick County Land Records, Liber J. W. L. C. 2; Folio 227.

⁴Ibid., Liber A.F. 5; Folio 541.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

clh

Deborah Sheetenhelm, Intern

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Frederick County Office of Historic Preservation

8/28/79

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CITY OR TOWN

STATE

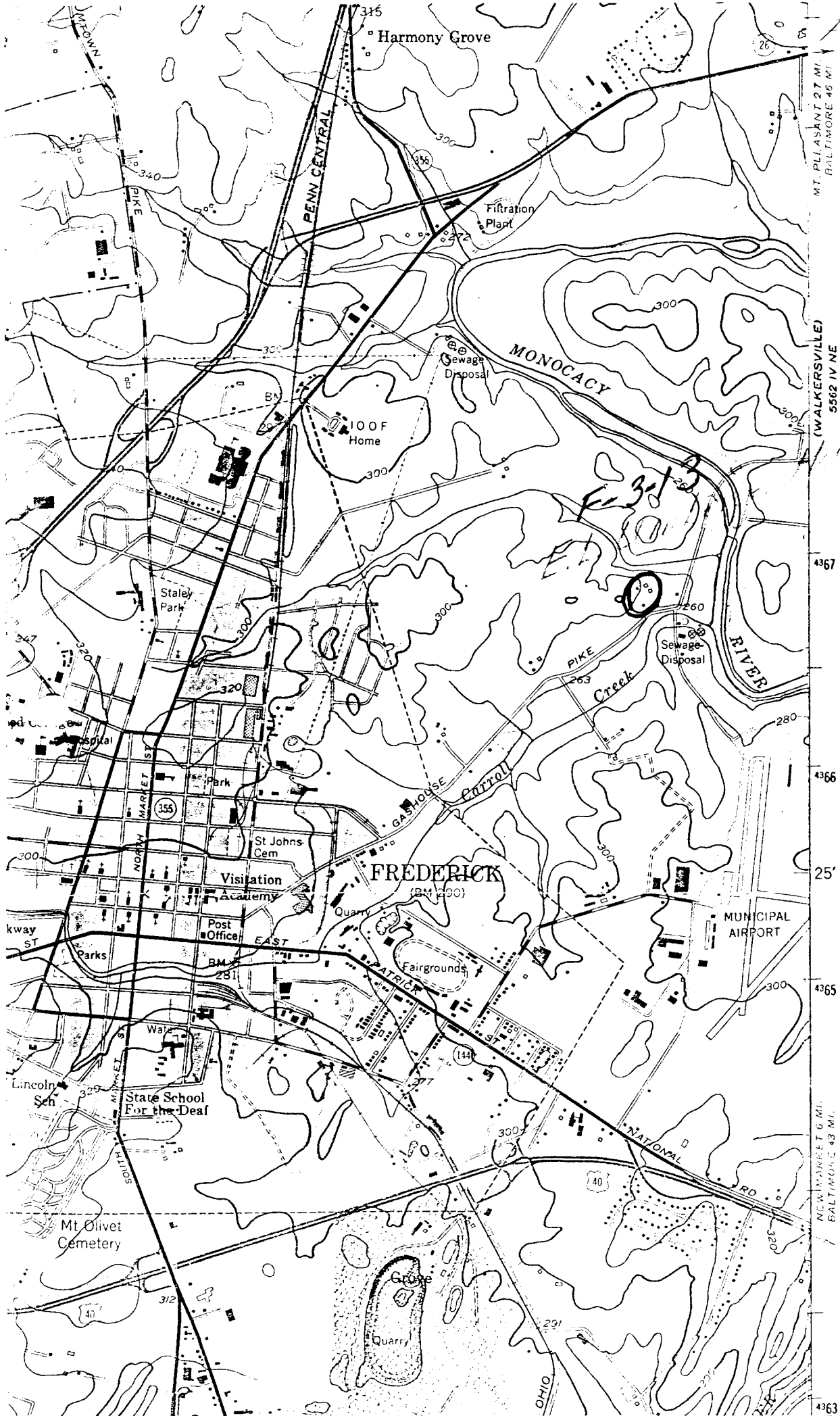
Frederick

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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E.L. Umberger

Asst.

→ northeast elevation

DES 6/15/79

w/5 Gao House

Dike



F-3-13

E.L. Umberger

Horse

Northwest elevation

DES 6/15/79

w/3 Gas Horse
Pike